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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request EPA-HQ-2019-000884

Dear Mr. Mercado:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, identified above, dated October 28, 2018, that you submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Your request seeks the following documents: "copies of and studies or documents pertaining to climate change and its correlation with the increase in occurrence and severity of natural disasters."

The information that you are seeking is publicly available on EPA's archived website at: [https://19january2017snapshot.epa.gov/climate-change-science/understanding-link-between-climate-change-and-extreme-weather\\_.html](https://19january2017snapshot.epa.gov/climate-change-science/understanding-link-between-climate-change-and-extreme-weather_.html).

Because this information is publicly available, your FOIA request for this information is being administratively closed, in accordance with EPA's FOIA regulations. See 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart A.

This letter concludes our response to your request. You may appeal this response by email at [hq.foia@epa.gov](mailto:hq.foia@epa.gov), or by mail to EPA's FOIA Office, U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2310A), Washington, DC 20460. Only items mailed through the United States Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue. If you are submitting your appeal by hand delivery, courier service, or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, William Jefferson Clinton North Building, Room 5315, Washington, DC 20460.

Your appeal must be made in writing, and it must be received no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 90 calendar day limit. Appeals received after 5:00 pm EST will be considered received the next business day. The appeal letter should include the FOIA tracking number listed above. For quickest possible handling, the subject line of your email, the appeal letter, and its envelope, if applicable, should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Additionally, you may seek assistance from EPA's FOIA Public Liaison at [hq.foia@epa.gov](mailto:hq.foia@epa.gov) or (202) 566-1667, or from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways: by mail, Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8610 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-

6001; e-mail, [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone, (202) 741-5770 or (877) 684-6448; and facsimile, (202) 741-5769.

We appreciate your interest in the EPA and our mission to protect public health and the environment. Should you choose to appeal this determination, please be sure to fully address all factors required by EPA's FOIA Regulations, located at 40 C.F.R., Part 2.104. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dana Krishland at [krishland.dana@epa.gov](mailto:krishland.dana@epa.gov) or 202-343-9963.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "P. M. Gunning", with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

Paul M. Gunning, Director  
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